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### **The Meadows School Practices for National Competition**

For the first time in four years, a Las Vegas high school will represent the Nevada region at the National Science Bowl competition. On Thursday, April 11, representatives from the National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Operations Office will help prepare the Meadows School for the National competition by conducting mock competitions beginning at 2 p.m. These practice sessions, which will take place at the Meadows School (8601 Scholar Lane, Las Vegas), will provide interesting photographic opportunities. The National Science Bowl competition, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, will take place May 3 through May 6 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The Meadows School team members Matthew Swetnam, Patrick Hummel, Heather Cringan, and Alan Micev will demonstrate how they “bowled over” 31 teams during the Eleventh Annual Nevada Regional Science Bowl. Coached by teacher John Milburn, the team won the title by defeating high school teams from Arizona, California, Nevada, and Utah, to receive \$2,500 for their science and math departments, matching team bookbags, a first place trophy, and an all-expense paid trip to the National competition.

The U.S. Department of Energy established the Science Bowl in 1991 to motivate high school students to pursue scientific and technical careers and also to promote science and mathematics literacy. Since its establishment, more than 80,000 young men and women from across the country have participated in this competition. Science Bowl is based on the concept of the old “College Bowl” program that appeared on television throughout the 1960's. Questions are either multiple-choice or short-answer in the areas of chemistry, biology, physics, astronomy, earth science, general science, computer science, or mathematics.